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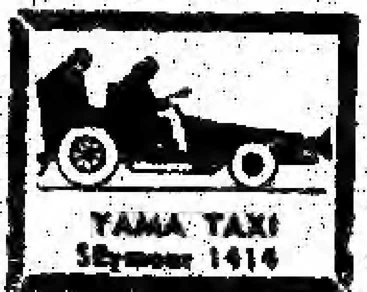

Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

For years now we've been talking about ths job problem and listening to endless speeches upon it. Recently though, the talk has been assuming something more than the proportions of mere drivel, and perhaps we can hope for something concrete to emerge.

In any case here's a suggestion sent to this paper by a Nisei well-known in Vancouver. He is Roger Obata of Prince Rupert, who graduated from U.B.C. in 1937. After a year in which he became quite disgusted with Japan, he returned to Canada and then went to Toronto to make good. It seems to me he has something worth printing, so here it is:

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"I read with great interest the recent articles on the Nisei vocational problems by the consul Mr. Nakauchi and a writer pen-named "Tacitus." I earnestly hope that all Niseis will consider the challenge seriously, and accept their words of counsel with deep cogitation.

"Undoubtedly, capital, or training in some profession or trade is essential for a Nisei to pioneer in Eastern Canada. The competition among the unskilled workers is far too keen here. Assuming this may I suggest a plan that has occupied my mind for some time.

"Why not establish a sinking fund for this very purpose of supplying capital to ambitious, conscientious Niseis with initiative, enabling them to enter business in the provinces outside of B. C.? And later, after the fund has been established, use it also as a student loan plan, so that promising students with scholastic abilities who are handicapped economically, may enter the University for the training in whatever profession they choose. In this way, both requirements for a means of livelihood in Canada may be obtained.

"At the end of each year a percentage of the loan must be repaid, with a small interest, to the fund. This may be arranged according to the position of the borrower to repay the loan.

"A board of directors must be chosen to select the most promising of the Niseis applying for financial aid. To them goes the responsibility of choosing the Niseis who are most deserving of this financial aid, and who have qualities for 'making good.'

"If every one of the scores of organizations and 'kais' in B. C. were to contribute some of the proceeds of their dances, concerts, parties and conferences to this fund, I am sure they will have done something towards the solution of the Nisei Vocational Problem."

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I think he has something worth chewing on. Perhaps all the "kais" and clubs can do something to justify their existence.

Shooting The Scenes With Seko

Photo by Jo Seko.

Silvery-tongued young orators proved to be the centre of attraction in Vancouver last week-end as young and old flocked to hear high school students compete in the annual Japanese Students' Club gabfest Saturday night at the Japanese Hall, and young Niseis vie for honours in the Bussel-sponsored Japanese forensic display Sunday afternoon in the Honipa Temple. (See story, page 3.)

Snapped in action in the upper picture was Mr. E. A. Munro, principal of Britannia High, as he presented the Nemichi Trophy to Martha Kayahara, with Chairman Fred Sasaki smiling broadly at the success of the contest.

Champion Chuta Ebata of Fairview Y.M.B.A. posed for the lower picture holding the Aoki trophy. On his right is Fairview's feminine representative, Miss Yae Hamakawa, who received honourable mention, and to his left is Toshio Nishikawa, Fairview president, proudly displaying the championship banner awarded to the society entering the winning speaker,

On The Newsfront

UCLUELET JAPANESE FISHERMEN DONATE TO WAR CAUSE

By Staff Correspondent

UCLUELET, B. C.—The Ucluelet Japanese Fishermen's Association, following the trend of many other Japanese Canadian organizations, has forwarded a cheque for the sum of $150.00 to the Minister of National Defence.

This monetary contribution was voluntarily contributed by the fifty-one members who comprise the Association.

Accompanying the contribution was a message which stated:

"We, the Japanese fishermen of the village of Ucluelet, are desirous of expressing, through you, to the Government of Canada our deep appreciation of the many advantages which this country has given us. Since the outbreak of the war it has been our sincere desire to make some expression of loyalty to the land of our adoption . . . ."

"VOCATIONS" DEBATE FEATURES STUDENT ADVANCE

An outstanding feature of the 2nd Annual N.W. Intercollegiate Advncae to be held in Seattle this Saturday will be a debate between teams from the U. of Washington and Willamette University. Topic of the debate will be, "Resolved that as between the United States and the Japanese Empire, the vocational future of the Japanese college graduate lies in Japan."

CARELTON CLAY PRESENTS "FIRST CLASS MATTER"

The Y.P. production, "First Class Matter," was one of the one-act plays presented by Carleton Clay, eminent city elocutionist, at his studio last Monday evening.

PAN-AMERICAN PREACHING MISSION

As a part of the coast-wide preaching mission sponsored by the Pan-American Japanese Christian Conference, Rev. Tadao Aiura, Th.D., and Rev. Kumazo Fukushima are scheduled to speak at eleven meetings in Vancouver and vicinity, starting February 23.

A mass meeting for the whole community will be held in the Japanese Hall Friday evening at 8. A Young People's mass meeting sponsored by the B. C. Young People's Conference will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 25, at 7.30 at the Powell United Church. Dr. Tadao Aiura will speak on "Pressing Forward."

Nisei To Join In Youth Congress At Normal School Easter Week-end

Support from Nisei organizations throughout the province for the Second B. C. Youth Congress to be held at the Vancouver Normal School, March 22-25, will be asked for by the JCCL, according to tentative plans of the National Executive. This policy will be adopted in accord with the League's program of encouraging active Nisei participation in the activities of Canadian youth.

Organized to bring together delegates from B. C. youth groups to discuss problems facing the entire youth of the country, the congress specifically lays down a plank "to discriminate against no delegate by reason of his race, creed, color or political belief."

Discussions on four separate topics will be carried out by commissions for three sessions, and each commission will then adopt a report. This report will be submitted to an assembly of all delegates, from which the findings and recommendations of the Congress will be drawn.

National Congress

Toronto.—At a meeting of the National Committee of the Canadian Youth Congress it was decided that the Fifth Congress would be held in Montreal on the week-end of July 6.

First Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit to be Organized

Plans for the formation of a Japanese Canadian Unit o. the Canadian Red Cross Society advanced materially February 18 when feminine representatives from leading Nisei societies gathered at the Nippon Club, and agreed to call an open general meeting at the same place on March 10 at 3:00 p.m.

The policies of the meeting, called by a provincial committee under the auspices of the Vancouver JCCL, gained the unanimous support of the representatives who will report to their respective clubs in a campaign for women members.

Business at the forthcoming meeting will include plans for the establishment of headquarters for the distribution and collection of supplies, the election of a responsible head for the unit, secretaries, and shippers who will handle all material passing in and out.

Although small groups have joined the Red Cross and have contributed to its work through various established units in other centres, this new venture will be the first actual Japanese Canadian Unit to be established in the country.

Representing the Red Cross Society in Vancouver, Carleton Clay explained the work of the society and its material contributions to the war. The work of the Red Cross includes knitting, sewing pajamas and medical aprons, rolling bandages, handling donations and so forth.

The Nisei Unit will not be a JCCL affiliation but will be responsible only to the Vancouver central headquarters in the Marine Building.

Organizations represented at the meeting included the Vancouver JCCL, Anglican Young People, Powell Y.P.S. and C.G.I.T., Hompa Young Women's Buddhist Association, Rissho Young People, Okayama Young People, and the Japanese Students' Club.

Consul Host At Official Reception

Victoria.—The Japanese Consul and Mrs. K. Nakauchi, Vancouver, were charming hosts at a reception held Tuesday afternoon in the Lower Lounge of the Empress Hotel, when several hundred representative Victorians were received and entertained at tea.

Mrs. Nakauchi wore a floral printed gown of wine red silk crepe with a matching hat and a corsage bouquet of gardenias. The room was arranged with palms, potted plants and bowls of pale pink plum blossoms.

Among the hundreds of guests, who included members of the government, the judiciary, military forces and civilian ranks were His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamber and Premier T. D. Pattullo.

NISEI NEWS FROM FAR FLUNG CORNERS IN B.C.

Britannia Bits

By Crusher

We regret that Mrs. Shinohara is at present confined to the General Hospital, recuperating from an operation. We hope that she will be able to return home again soon.

Britannia won the championship of the Howe Sound Basketball League against the Mine here last week. Although the Beach team lost the game, 31-30, they won on a total-point series.

Vancouver's Stacy's played here last week, and the fans are looking forward to exhibition games with Varsity and the Pro-Rec team in the near future.

Miss Lillian Nakata of Ucluelet visited her sister, Mrs. Tsubota for a few days at the Half-way camp.

The C.G.I.T. girls held a Valentine tea on Saturday afternoon, at the home of their leader, Mrs. F. Green.

Several of the boys are reviving a game played in their school days. Last Sunday afternoon, with the rain pouring down in torrents, the ever-resourceful Mas suggested a game of marbles to break the monotony of a Sunday afternoon.

Borrowing some marbles from Sucko, Joe, Mas and Y. went off in the rain for a game, and were joined later by Harry. After some deliberation even the ole Crusher himself was there too, and so interesting was the game that it lasted until supper time. But don't be surprised, readers, if this column is missing for some time.

TERRA NOVA DONATIONS

The Terra Nova Y.P.S. wishes to acknowledge with thanks donations towards the maintenance of the Society from Mr. Keishiro Shimano ($5), Mr. Dick Jamieson ($2), and Mrs. J. Ito ($2).

East Richochats

By Chatter

Red Cross Aid

Women of this community, including Japanese Canadians, gathered at Hamilton School, Feb. 15, and decided to assist in the work of the Red Cross Society, by sewing, knitting, rolling bandages and so forth.

Fishing Fleet

In preparation for a good year in the fishing industry, four new boats, powered with high speed engines, are rapidly nearing completion. The owners, Messrs. Tamaki, Sakurai, Onotera and K. Takahashi will all be out to break the speed record for the fishing fleet.

School Shorts

Hiroshi Sasaki, grade 6 pupil at Mitchell School, has been chosen to act the part of Judge Simms in a play, "Where There's a Will," to be presented by the school at Easter.

Here and There

Roy G. Kumagai was host to a number of friends recently at a party in honor of his "Yaku Toshi" or "Unlucky Year" . . . **Tom Oikawa and Masao Kamachi** were whirlwind visitors back home last week. After securing their fishing licences they returned to the woods of Paldi . . .

Prince Rupert Patter

By Hiroshi Hamasaki

Celebration

Feb. 10, under auspices of the Prince Rupert Japanese Association, the "Kigensetsu" was observed at the Japanese Hall, with a very interesting programme of speeches, songs, plays, and dances.

The hall was beautifully decorated by members of the Seinen Kuwai for the occasion. Refreshments were served to those present at the end of the evening.

Visitors

Recent visitors here from the Queen Charlotte Islands were Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kadonaga and Tom Katsuyama, who remained in the city for two weeks.

The community at Seal Cove also held a celebration in honor of the anniversary day.

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Mrs. Y. Mori (nee Kazu Nishio) has returned to her home at Seal Cove, after being ill the hospital here.

Isami Kayama of Port Essington is recovering rapidly after an operation for appendicitis in the General Hospital here.

Congratulations . . .

To Toshio Sakamoto, on his engagement to Miss Chiyoko Hakkaku of Vancouver.

Ganges Gleanings

By Staff Correspondent

Kigensetsu Observed

On Feb. 11 the Ganges community, young and old, gathered at the club house to celebrate the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

The service began with several speeches by leading Issei and Nisei, and a programme of games and singing followed. Refreshments brought the day to a close.

Bride Feted

On St. Valentine's Day the Canadian Japanese Young People's Association gave a party at the club house in honor of one of its members, Miss Emiko Ohara, whose marriage to Mr. Sidney Kakuno of Cordova Bay took place Feb. 17.

The evening began with a speech by the president, Victor Okano. Beautiful gifts were presented by the club to the bride, who thanked the members briefly. Tea was served, and the evening brought to a close after several hours of games and song were enjoyed.

Many thanks for helping with the dishes, Luke and Gordon, but in future, please don't play catch with them in front of the weaker sex!

Wishing!

Here's wishing a speedy recovery to Jimmy Okano, who was admitted to Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges following an accident, Feb. 14.

Maple Ridge Review

By News and Views

Badminton

Local shuttle chasers are getting in trim for the trip into Vancouver on Feb. 26. "Hopeful" seems to describe their attitude towards the big open tournament at Strathcona gym. The main objective apparently seems to be the desire to gain in much-needed experience.

Gossip

We wonder as to the nature of the attraction that induces such hardened city-dwellers as "Swannee" and Jimmy, for instance, to come traipsing out to the country . . And did you notice a 193(?) model coupe dashing citywards along the highway, with a young man from the aforesaid group hurrying to keep a Sunday evening date . . .

Niseis Busy At Red Cross Work

By IONI GOSSIPPE

The monthly meeting of the local JCCL chapter was held Saturday, Feb. 17, under chairmanship of President Masao Kuwabara. Two minor amendments to the constitution were made and it was also moved that the books sent by the National Council be added to the chapter library.

During the meeting partly knitted sweaters, scarves, socks, helmets, and mitts were exhibited by the fairer members who are faithfully knitting for the Red Cross. The wool for the articles is being supplied by the Red Cross, and the members of the chapter are buying the needles.

Refreshments were served by the newly chosen social convenors at the end of the meeting.

A standing silent tribute to the memory of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General, marked the opening of the meeting.

Visitors

Miss Stella Yorozu of Seattle was a guest of Miss Masa Takahashi over the week-end recently . . . Bill Iseki, Toki Yoshida and Noboru Yoshida of Chemainus also spent a Sunday in the city, while Kunio Shimizu came over from Vancouver and spent last week-end at home.

Victoria Vagaries

Quite a number of boys were seen trying their hand at knitting the other night, that certain visitor from Vancouver being no exception . . . Won't you tell us what **you** were apologizing to **Toyo** and **Sty** for, **Harold**? . . . One party, addressing Kunio, was heard to remark, "If what you heard about me in Vancouver is true—it isn't so . . ." Fisherman **Harry** said, upon seeing Michiko going in for her first swim of the year last **Sunday**, "I always heard that girls were crazy—now I know it's true! . . . Anyone chancing to go by **Discovery** Island the other day would have figured that a semi-nudist colony had taken over—**H.E., Tamo, and Stummie** had all their duds hanging around a big bonfire after an icy dip in the briny deep, when their eight-foot skiff was capsized by the wind and waves. A narrow squeeze, boys—too close for comfort . . . Friend **Art** of that certain ice cream parlour told us that he noticed two Nisei standing sheepishly by, while their two fair escorts paid the bill . . . and that up-island **"Jitterbug"** and his friends are quite handy people to have around a "knitting bee."

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The Nisei Need "FORTITUDE"

By Chuta Ebata

EDITOR'S NOTE—Translated below for our readers is the first prize speech delivered by Chuta Ebata in the Open Japanese Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the Bussei League. In rendering the speech into English we have not been content merely with a literal translation, but have attempted to capture something of the spirit of the original Japanese oration.

Two spirited warriors of the Restoration era, Ryuma Sakamoto and Hachiro Kiyokawa, happened to engage in a heated discussion which finally developed into a real hand-to-hand fight. Sakamoto was no match for the powerfully built Kiyokawa and, in a thrice, was choked unconscious. Regretfully, Kiyokama set about resuscitating his friend, but no sooner had Sakamoto revived than he again challenged Kiyokawa. But the bout had the same result: Sakamoto was again knocked unconscious.

Six times that happened. Finally Kiyokawa amazed at Sakamoto's mettle said, "As far as strength goes, you are no match for me, but I am baffled by your spirit." So saying he acknowledged defeat.

It was through such valorous young men that the Restoration of the Japanese government from the Tokugawa Shogunate took place.

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Nisei of Today

Is there this same surging power and energy and spirit in the Nisei of today on whose shoulders lies the burden of the development of the future? Disappointing but true, the answer is an emphatic "No."

This is not merely my view but that of many others. Recently, Mr. Nakauchi, the Japanese Consul, made a statement of a similar nature in a public address. His charges were that the Nisei have no aim in life; they lack initiative; they rely on others in everything; and are miserably wanting in the spirit of independence; they have no spirit of sacrifice; they have no perseverance. To what source can these shortcomings be traced to? — None other than the lack of fortitude!

"Show me the youth of a nation, and I will predict the future of that country," the redoutable Bismarck is said to have declared.

It goes without saying that if we Niseis are to be steeped in deathly slumber or to while away the days in indolence we shall regret it most deeply in the years to come.

If this then is true, how are we to face the Issei who in spite of language handicaps, in spite of differences in customs, habits and manners carved out for themselves a niche in the life of the country by agonizing years of labour and toil?

Our Destiny Lies With Canada

Our destiny lies with Canada. By far and large, we will spend our entire lives in this country. This being so, no matter how unyielding the environment, no matter how antagonistic the society, we who are carrying on from where our parents have left off, we who receive the work of half a century of painful effort—we must shoulder our responsibility, take up the burden unflinchingly and go forward.

This is not the time to wilt under the stigma of the lack of franchise or the inequality in economic life or the heat of anti-Japanese discriminations. In our fathers burned the fire and zeal of pioneers. In us, too, this same spirit should be kindled, and inspire us to stride forward, obviating one by one the obstacles that beset us.

What is this "Ki-ryoku" — the power of accomplishment within you? It is the joining together of the physical and spiritual forces of man. You all know from actual experience the result of focusing with a piece of glass the sun's rays on a piece of paper. Likewise, if the Nisei, individually and collectively, were to muster or pool their strength, resources and energy, nothing would be unattainable.

Like the valorous men of old then let us rouse ourselves to great deeds, hew a way in the face of all odds and march forward!

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A BUTTERFLY

I saw a fallen flower
On cold stones lie;
Then flutter, flutter to its stem,
A butterfly.

Moritake (1472-1549)
—Interpreted from the Japanese by Lois J. Erickson.

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Nemichi Trophy Awarded To Britannia Girl In JSC High School Oratory

A quiet striking fluency with the English language and an admirable courage in selecting a difficult but vital topic won for Martha Kayahara, matriculation student at Britannia High, the Nemichi Challenge Trophy, symbolic of oratorical supremacy among British Columbia's high school Nisei, in the third annual contest sponsored by the Japanese Students' Club at the Japanese Hall, Saturday night.

Runner-up last year, Miss Kayahara spoke upon the subject, "After the War." In all, seven youthful but able speakers competed in the contest, delivering orations upon a wide range of subjects.

Ranking a close second was the last year's champion, May Yamazaki of Magee High, who spoke on the "Microbe Hunters." Third was Masako Miyazaki of Fairview Commerce, who won great applause from the packed audience for her presentation of the "Case Against Mercy Killing."

In announcing the judges' decision, E. A. Munro, principal of Britannia High, commented upon the difficulty in selecting the winner and gave a constructive criticism of the various speeches. Judges beside Mr. Munro were Miss Hide Hyodo and Kunito Shoyama.

Presentations

Presentation of the cup was made by Mr. Munro, while Wesley Fujiwara, Student Club president, presented the medals donated by the club to the first three contestants. In his opening address, Mr. Fujiwara stressed the necessity of developing Nisei speakers who could speak for the Nisei at public gatherings.

Following the contest, tea was served to the contestants and to the matriculation speakers present.

Ebata Captures Aoki Cup In Oratory

Bussei-Sponsored Classic Enjoys Success

Eleven fledgling speakers took to the rostrum of the Hompa Temple last Sunday afternoon in the Fourth Annual Oratorical Classic sponsored by the Young Buddhists' Association of Canada to compete for the highly prized Bishop Aoki cup, symbolic of supremacy in Japanese oratory among Niseis in Canada. Chuta Ebata of the Fairview Y.M.B.A., the only young man to gain major honours that afternoon, was declared winner of the emblem by a decisive margin over the rest of the field.

WINNING SPEECH

Speaking on the topic, "Fortitude," Mr. Ebata described the valour and high-mindedness of the young men of Japan in the days of the Meiji Restoration Era and declared that if the Nisei have a similar courage, there would be no problem that could not be solved with patience and perseverance even in the face of adversity. The judges, in singling him out for first choice awarded him 1011 points.

Taking second place honours with 990 points, Misao Taguchi of the Hompa Y.W.B.A. captivated the crowd with her discourse on "The Spirit of Humanity and the Nisei." Talking with disarming grace and charm on the noble character of Florence Nightingale and her monumental work for humanity in connection with the Red Cross movement, Miss Taguchi gave her listeners the impression that in herself there breathed the very spirit of Florence Nightingale.

STEVESTON THIRD

Steveston's Y.W.B.A. representative, Hiseko Niwatsukino, who captured third place with her speech, "The Spirit of Obedience," deplored the lack of the classical gentle-mannered Japanese virtues in Nisei girls and exhorted them to cultivate these admirable traits.

Fourth and fifth place winners, Gakuyukai's Yukiko Tsushima and Fairview Y.W.B.A.'s Yae Hamakawa, received honourable mention.

HECKLERS

Unfortunately, the heckling marred the speeches in the first part of the afternoon.

Rogers Pays Tribute To Loyalty Gesture

Acknowledging receipt of a bank note for $300, the contribution of the Japanese Canadian employees of the Powell Lumber and Fuel Company Limited of Vancouver towards the National Defence Fund, was a letter from the Hon. Norman M. L. Rogers, Minister of National Defence, part of which read:

"May I assure you that I deeply appreciate the spirit of loyalty and co-operation which your members have expressed in such a tangible manner. The cheque has been forwarded to the Minister of Finance with the request that it be used for some purpose in connection with Canada's war effort.

"Your gift has also been brought to the attention of my Colleagues of the Government and on their behalf, as well as my own, I am anxious that you convey to your Association my sincerest thanks."

Bloedel Banner

After being informed that wild geese were feeding in a large marsh near Gosling Lake, the dawn of a February morning found Hiroshi Adachi heading in that direction via a railway speeder and a caboose, drawn by "Locie" No. 2. At dusk he returned home, happily displaying his first Canada Goose.

The Adachi home has become the gathering place for all the local youth, including Canadians and Niseis, where social diversions such as cards, music and chatter are much enjoyed.

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The Gentlemen's Agreement

It is nothing new for us in British Columbia to hear rising young politicians make political capital out of the Oriental question. But it is something of a rude shock to hear the national leader of one of Canada's major political parties, a man who may possibly rise to the chief stewardship of our country, stoop to making this same appeal to an irrational racial prejudice.

Yet that, precisely, is what the Hon. Robert J. Manion, leader of the Conservative Party in Canada, did this week in Vancouver, when he wound up an hour-long address with a declaration that he would abrogate the "Gentlemen's Agreement" with Japan.

Much has been heard of this agreement in recent years and there have been Nisei, who, in their anxiety to remove the causes of prejudice, have suggested that to benefit the Japanese already living in Canada, it would be advisable to end the agreement.

On the surface the suggestion undoubtedly has its appeal. The agreement as such offers to Japan no solution to her desperate problem of over-population. On the other hand it has given the politicians added fuel to throw upon the fires of racial hatred with their flaming torches of "Oriental penetration."

But just what are the facts?

Under the agreement the number of immigrants is limited to an insignificant maximum of 150 per year—a quota which has never been filled during the past decade. It is sheer nonsense to conceive of this minute trickle as a menace to a country where the natural increase exceeds 200,000 per year.

More important than the actual figures are the people—the human beings—who make up the quota. In practically every case they have come at the call of relatives resident in Canada, to preserve the closest ties of family kinship. Total exclusion would mean that wives would separated from husbands, children from parents, brothers from sisters—the list of personal tragic cases is endless.

In actual fact the agreement is of no importance as a problem of immigration. It is important for the maintenance of friendly relations across the Pacific. But it is of vital personal importance to the few individuals affected by it.

The cause of human decency and human kindness is solidly arrayed against the abrogation of the "Gentlemen's Agreement."

To Heck With Hecklers

Last week-end hundreds of people showed the keenest of interest in public speaking as they flocked to the Hompa Buddhist Temple to witness the Fourth Annual Japanese Oratorical Contest. Unquestionably, the contest was a huge success; and the sponsors, competitors and audience alike are to be complimented for their part in making this possible.

Unfortunately, the event was marred by an uncalled for expression of personal and derogatory sentiments on the part of a few ill-advised, partisan and indiscriminate members of the audience.

Whether these offenders did not know that they were attending an oratorical contest and not a political debate, whether they failed to realize the embarrassment they were causing especially to the young lady orators, whether they chose deliberately to disregard decency, orderly conduct or consideration for others, they themselves can only answer.

Let it be known that such conduct is indecent and unfair to all concerned. It is one that ill befits a Japanese Canadian, for the Japanese have been traditionally noted for their politeness and courtesy.

We hope that, in the future, there will be no repetition of such annoying heckling and disturbances which, although they may be permissible elsewhere, are definitely frowned upon in this country.

AMERICANA

Patience! Patience!

Patience was his middle name this Nobu Yamaguchi of Los Angeles. But even the most patient of all patient men can get ruffled at times.

Three years ago burglars broke into Yamaguchi's house and made off with his radio. A short time later his auto radio mysteriously disappeared.

Then late one night last week as he reached home he sensed something strange about his house. With dark premonitions and sinking heart he peered into the parlor. Yes, it had happened again.

The window was wide open and that new $150 console radio? It had disappeared into thin air.

"And, I haven't even got it all paid for!" groaned the hapless Yamaguchi, as he went down town to buy another radio.

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Almost a year ago this column featured an item about the dancing duo of Wing and Toy who were winning considerable fame in New York. Now with relations still more strained in the Far East comes this news that this startling couple has been tied still more securely together with a marital knot. Dorothy Toy, Takahashi and Mr. Paul Wing daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yataro Juo were married in New York last month.

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In America just as in Canada there has been much controversy about the congregation of Orientals in one spot and the benefits derived from spreading out. One student away at an Eastern College gives his opinions on this important subject.

"From the behaviour of some of the Nisei I've observed in Southern California, it might be a good idea to keep them in one spot to prevent more of the Americans from seeing their actual makeup . . . Anway, before we try to urge mass dispersion of the Nisei, let's try to get them in the right frame and manner. If more Japanese college students would come out here, to the East, it would do a world of good for the Nisei.

"It takes them out of the sheltered corners and exposes them to life more nearly like the actual conditions which will be met by them later in life . . . It teaches one to mix with all kinds of people, and also gives one a broader outlook on things in general.

"I think this is the most general criticism which can be made of most of the Nisei. They may get along with their fellow Nisei, but what's going to count in the future is whether they can get along with their fellow Americans."

SOSHUN

Kiji no koe
Tori no saezuri
Ha no sayogi
Yo wa mono-oto ni
Michi-hajime tari

—Shibafune

EARLY SPRING

Hark! the pheasant's cries:
The twitter of birds manifold:
The rustling of foliage; many sounds
Have begun to fill the world.

—From Miyamori's Anthology.

I LIKE THE NISEI, BUT . . .

(Condensed from Pacific Affairs Weekly)

By "HAKUJIN"

PART I

In general I like the Nisei very much, collectively and individually. I have known them practically all my life, and in various sections of the country.

And what do I like about these compatriots of yours—and mine? I mistrust generalities, since there are too often glaring exceptions and refutations. But I think I am safe in saying that, by and large, essential decency is the quality that characterizes the Nisei above all others. By essential decency I mean a certain honorableness in the blood which makes a person constitutionally incapable of advancing his own ends at the sacrifice of all principles of honesty, justice and compassion.

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I Like Their Honesty

In all my personal contacts with the Nisei I can scarcely recall any occasion when I felt that I was being taken advantage of or deliberately duped or callously disregarded in the determination of some course of action. I have sometimes even felt that the Nisei were leaning over-backwards in their efforts to be scrupulously fair. For instance, I have more than once had the experience of having a Nisei store clerk make restitution to me in the matter of some trifling overcharge inadvertently made on some purchase of mine weeks before.

Some of my Nisei friends tell me that I have been more than ordinarily fortunate in my contacts with their kind, implying, I suppose, that dishonesty and sharp business practice are not unknown within their group. Well, perhaps I have been exceptionally lucky, but the fact remains that the incidence of integrity among the Nisei must be very high in the first place to make such an experience as mine possible. I might add in passing that all through my school years I have never seen any Japanese students cheating. Not that the Nisei students were in every instance so well prepared as to make cribbing unnecessary—some of them flunked because, however inadequate their preparation, they preferred outright failure to questionable accomplishment.

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I Like Their Human Qualities

Bred-in-the-bone probity and uprightness, then, constitute the quality in the Nisei which, in my opinion at least, is most universal to them, and which forms the basis of my liking for them. But if I like them as exemplifications of an ethical principle, I like them also for their human qualities. For instance, I like the strong competitive spirit of the boys, which makes them, within their physical limitations, such natural athletes—alert, vigorous, determined, and skillful.

I Like the Girls

I like the neatness, the gaiety, and withal the underlying modesty of Nisei girls. I like the pertness, possibly not wholly intentional with which they wear western clothes on their small sturdy bodies. And I have noticed that a large percentage of them have a definite flair for style, especially in the city. There is nothing "cuter" than a Nisei girl modishly turned out in her street or evening best.

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I Like Their Enthusiasms

Back with the boys again, I like them because they share with me a common fund of many typically American traits and foibles. Their enthusiasms are in general the same as mine. They like Hedy Lamarr and Anne Sheridan and Betty Grable. So do I. They have more or less the same general preferences as I do in the matter of sports idols and books and music. They have the characteristic American taste for the gastronomic what-nots of the hamburger butch and corner soda fountain, and I do too. We both like cars and dancing and pretty girls, and we both like to believe that underneath all our youthful frivolity there is a solid core of common sense to enable us to assume the station and responsibilities of men when the time comes.

Yes, I like the Nisei, for all the aforementioned reasons and other but—and here I must cease to dispense bouquets and enunciate a few less complimentary words.

(To be Continued in the Next Issue)

FAN MAIL

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: Being an enthusiastic reader of "The New Canadian" ever since its first edition, I would like to convey my deep appreciation of the great work it has done for us "Nisei." I have enjoyed reading every page of your publication.

Out here in the distant west coast of Vancouver Island, where the rolling waves from the vast Pacific come breaking in, where the means of communication with the outside world is lacking, it is quite a treat to read your paper with news of so varied interest.

In closing please accept my compliments again for your fine efforts and best wishes for your success.

Ted Nishi.

Ucluelet, B. C.

WHAT IS PEACE?

Peace is not an idea: it is people becoming different. You know what it is like at home when there has been a quarrel; you don't just get the idea that peace would be a good thing; someone pockets his pride and says, "I'm sorry."

But most of us want to make peace by repenting of the other fellow's sins. This is how the world would like to do it. The Moral Re-armament way is to start by being different yourself. Honest apology is the high road of lasting peace.

An army general said to me recently, "Either I sacrifice myself for the sake of the nation, or I sacrifice my nation for the sake of my selfishness. War is the price of selfishness of nations."—From a world broadcast by Dr. Frank Buchman.

Around the Schools

Nisei Propose International Club

MAGEE MEDLEY

Magee is more socially-minded this year. Everybody belongs to a club. Roller skating and ice skating parties have been held successfully, so much as a matter of fact, that another ice party is being planned for March.

Magecites have the honour of being the first students in town to hold a Theatre Day. School was closed earlier than usual on Thursday so that the students could attend a special showing at the Kerrisdale Theatre, the proceeds of which are to go to the furnishing of the new auditorium still in process of finishing.

Led by May Yamazaki of oratorical contest fame a movement was started in early January among the 25 Niseis of the school for the establishment of what would be originally a Nisei Club, to be enlarged eventually to an international club.

Several teachers supported the plan but it fell through, it being felt that such an organization would not justify its existence. Despite the failure, a teacher, Mr. Boyes, suggested the scheme should be re-introduced in the fall to establish such an International Club as a regular school club.

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KITSILANO CAPERS

A delightful physical education display was presented Thursday night. Between the performances of gym clubs and dance groups was featured a demonstration by **Tommy Kamino** and **Joe Nakamura** of the skillful art of judo.

A sole Nisei, probably inspired by the recent J.S.C. oratorical contest, is reported to have entered the school public speaking contest, the finals of which are to be held on the 29th.

A party for student officers is to be held next Tuesday in the school. **George Suzuki** of motion picture fame and the ever-present **Jack Kobayashi** will be there, the latter handling as usual the P.A. system.

A vocational conference in which the students listen to speakers from various professional fields will be held at the end of the month.

Through the co-operation of Principal J. Gordon, with a local radio station, a wonderful opportunity is offered the senior students to acquaint themselves with speaking into a microphone and over the air. Bi-weekly the school sends two teams of students, which contend in a quiz program with Uncle Billy Hassel the quiz man. The only Nisei to appear on this program so far is Minoru Yatabe.

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FAIRVIEW FANFARE

Marie Akiyama reached the finals of the recent girls' badminton tournament, there to meet heart-breaking defeat.

Masako Miyazaki now sports a medal from the Japanese Students' Club for gaining third place in the recent oratorical contest.

Can you imagine **Yozy Yasui** of ping-pong fame as a charming mannequin in colorful dress? So help me!

Leap Year Day will one devoted to that patron saint (?) of masculine hearts, Sadie Hawkins. Comes the day and boys can walk ahead of girls, let them carry his books and still look Emily Post straight in the eye.

Matric Vignette—Our business-like **Jino Miyazawa** knows his book-keeping both inside and out. He should make a good chartered accountant, as is his plan. His spare moments are taken up with photography and with mastering the intricate manoeuvres of executing turns a la Terpsichore. This popular lad was elected M.C. at his class concert held last Friday.

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KING ED. EXCERPTS

King Ed is going one better than Fairview in the aid of Sadie Hawkins' celebration. While Fairview's is to last one day, King Ed's will be for a whole week, starting Feb. 29.

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

24—Vancouver JCCL General Meeting, Nippon Club, 8.00 p.m.
24—Spring Judo Tournament, Japanese Hall, 7.00 p.m.
25—Steveston JCCL Art Exhibit, Dantal Hall, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
25—Nimi Shokai Radio Broadcast, Station CJOR, 4.15 to 4.45.
26—CGIT-Tuxis Roller Fest, Happyland, 35c, 7.30 p.m.
26-27—5th Annual B. C. Japanese Badminton Tournament, Strathcona Gym, Men's Doubles.

MARCH

3—Asahi Baseball Club Party, Roller Bowl, 7.30-10.30 p.m.
11-12—Badminton Tourney, Mixed Doubles.
10—Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit, Open General Meeting, Nippon Club, 3 p.m.
16—Hiroshima YPS Play, "Conscription," Japanese Hall.
21—JCCL Spring Frolic.
22-25—2nd Annual B. C. Provincial Youth Congress, Normal School.

Hiroshima YPS To Present Play

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Hiroshima Young People's Society, and members are undertaking an active program in commemoration of the occasion.

A highlight will be the vivid tragedy, to be presented at the Japanese Hall, Saturday evening, March 16. Entitled "Shoshure" or "Conscription," the play concerns the story of the Matsumoto family, and is laid against the background of the Sino-Japanese war of 1894.

Members of the cast are rushing rehearsals, with practices nearly every night. Appearing in the play are Kas Suga, Kiyoshi Suga, Doug Funamoto, F. Tatemichi, Y. Okimura, Y. Kumano, Mitsuye Sasaki, Shizue Ito, and Lily Shishido.

Next week the two schools will stage a ping pong tourney. K. Kaminishi will be one of those upholding the blue and white.

The long-awaited de luxe gym was finally opened a few weeks ago by a community league hoop-la game. The badminton club, formed at its opening has eight Nisei members.

The recent Grade IX mixer held in the school was a great success. Who was that oh so popular Niseiette? We shouldn't mention names, should we, Aiko?

George Masuda plays for the school Junior Canadian rugby team which so far has a win and a loss in its books.

Nisei Essay

The February issue of the B. C. Teacher devoted six columns to the reproduction of Mavis Yuasa's essay, "We Must Lose To Win," which appeared in the Nov. 17 issue of The New Canadian.

In the footnote the editor comments: "First prize essay in the second annual provincial contest conducted by the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League. Reproduced because the editor feels that B.C. teachers should know what young Japanese who have passed through our schools are saying to each other as to citizenship in the country of their birth."

TOWN TOPICS ...

Ebisuzaki-Abe Nuptials

Misty white marquisette in Edwardian bustle style fashioned the lovely wedding gown of Miss Kinuko Abe for the bridal ceremony which united Kinuko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Abe, formerly of Ucluelet, and Mr. Kentaro Ebisuzaki, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ebisuzaki. Rev. Aoki read the marriage ceremony which took place at the Hompa Buddhist Temple last Saturday, February 17.

Misses Haruko and Mariko Abe in turquoise sheer attended their sister, and Mr. Tsuji supported the groom.

After a wedding trip to Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Ebisuzaki took up residence with the groom's parents on Cordova.

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Mrs. M. Maikawa was hostess at a Valentine tea of the Matrons' Club last Thursday afternoon at her home on Napier.

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Rolling Again

Soft lights—sweet music—smooth floor—still more skating parties fill the week-ends. The CGIT-Tuxis skatefest is scheduled for this coming Monday from 7-10 p.m. at Hapyland, while the following week-end has been chosen by the Asahi Baseball Club for their party at the Roller Bowl—Sunday, March 3, from 7.30—10.30 p.m. with the usual admission prices.

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Mr. Kuroda of West Summerland returned home last Saturday after spending a month in the Vancouver General Hospital. Mr. Kuroda was accompanied by his daughter, Shima.

CJA Elections

Eikichi Kagetsu will again head the Canadian Japanese Association as president for the year as a result of the elections conducted by the Board of Directors, Wednesday night. Others elected to the executive include: Bunji Hisaoka, vice president; Dr. M. Miyazaki, treasurer; G. Nakayama, chairman and T. Takeuchi, vice-president.

Steveston Static

The Annual Spring Concert of the Stevenson YPS and CGIT will be held at the United Church Kindergarten on Friday, March 8.

Outstanding feature on the programme will be an operetta by the Saturday Club Girls.

The YPS has accepted the invitation to visit the St. Albans AYPA of Richmond next Tuesday, February 27, during the Interdenominational Visiting Week.

All out this Sunday to see the Exhibition sponsored by the local JCCA in commemoration of the 2600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

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Graceful slim-waisted girls in filmy frocks, svelte models in tailored suits and colorful Easter bonnets, beautiful mannequins in glamorous gowns—once again eager crowds will throng the streets to see the curtain rise on a fashion display. Thrilled with the elegance and swank of the latest styles, women of all classes will hurry home agog with brilliant ideas for their spring wardrobe. Style flashes and fashion books will be devoured by young and old—scissors, pins, needles will claim the undivided attention of everyone in giddy preparations for the Easter Parade.

Sewing is an intricate art, and, except for a very few who know how to do their own cutting, the women will flock to the pattern counters of the department stores. Without the aid of these patterns made by professionals for women of every size and figure these women would be helpless.

But how many of these women realize that they are indebted to one little woman for this country-wide system of pattern copies, a system that has proved to be of inestimable worth to all women?

Ellen Butterick, a demure little New England housewife, while sewing a frock for one of her children, was struck with the idea that her pattern would be greatly welcomed by many mothers who did not know how to make their own. To her husband, Ebenezer Butterick, an unpretentious country tailor who later became one of the founders of the great Butterick institution, she remarked: "I believe there are a great many mothers who would like patterns from which to make little girls' or boys' clothes." Her husband being a shrewd man realized the possibilities in his wife's idea and immediately set out to make plans for the production of patterns for women in general.

These early patterns, made of stiff paper, were crude and simple with only the outlines of the plainest foundation garments. As these patterns became more and more popular, pleats, gathers, frills, collars, cuffs were added and tissue paper with printed directions replaced the awkward stiff paper.

Today numerous plants turn out millions of simple and intricate patterns at a reasonable price every year all because one thoughtful woman remembered others while she worked.

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MORNING ALARM

"How I hate to get up in the morning!" is everybody's favourite refrain especially on a cold dark morn, and it certainly is a rare creature who loves to pop out of a warm, soft bed into the chilly atmosphere of dawn. Getting up is one of those nasty pills that we all must swallow, a pill easier taken by women than by men.

Remember how many times the man of the house crawled into bed at night solemnly vowing to get up bright and early every morning thereafter in order to enjoy a leisurely breakfast instead of the customary whirlwind meal? All went well that first morning. At the soft whir-r-r of the alarm clock he leapt out of bed like a fish, bounced energetically through his daily dozens, had plenty of time to fool around, and even arrived at the office before the boss.

But what about the next morning and the next? That resolution just didn't register. The bed's so warm and cozy, and it's so terribly cold outside. Lying abed each morning, calculating the time necessary for dressing and eating, he seems to think that he can dress and eat just a little bit quicker than the morning before, and within a week breakfast returns to its usual hectic affair.

All that the young man needed was a little help, help given oh, so subtlely because a man likes to feel independent just to satisfy his ego. Entice him out of bed with fragrant aromas. Let the strong odour of boiling coffee, sizzling bacon, and delicious omelets steal over him and watch the gratifying results. No man could possibly lie in bed dreaming or counting the roses on the wallpaper when that appetizing odour insists on seeping through the keyhole.

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AIKO SAITA

The gifted Vancouver Nisei contralto, Aiko Saita, sent greetings across the ocean to friends in Canada, the U.S. and Hawaii Tuesday night in a ten-minute talk over station JZJ from Tokyo. She won a great success in her first recital in Japan at Hibiya Auditorium, Feb. 18. This picture was taken just prior to her sailing for Japan from San Francisco.

Tokyo Nisei Society Issues Magazine

A Nisei society in Tokyo has recently issued a sixteen-page mimeographed magazine, marking the first anniversary of the organization of the club. Calling itself the Sigma Kappa Theta society, it was founded a year ago by the Rev. T. Matsumoto, former Anglican missionary in Prince Rupert, to assist second generation in Japan to keep contact with the Church. Canadian members are Secretary, Miss Takako Kagetsu, of Vancouver, Satoshi Kamiya and H. Yamanaka of Prince Rupert.

Niseis In CJOR Music Broadcast

Nimi Shokai will again be sponsoring a program of popular Japanese songs and music over Station CJOR this Sunday, Feb. 25 from 4:15 to 4:45 in the afternoon.

The occasion will bring several rising Nisei artists to the microphone: Announcer, diminutive Mitsuye Sasaki, vocalists, Kaye Homma in "Shinobu Yarun Uta," Hisako Shishido in "Hokuman Hanayome Dayori" and Ty Sugimoto in "Otoko no Inochi."

Assisting artists will be Tsutomu Hakkaku (piano), Shirley Handa (accordion), Martha Hori (Hawaiian guitar), Lily Ide (piano), T. Quaint (violin) and Etsuko Nimi (accordion, piano).

Recordings of other popular Japanese songs will be also included in the entertainment.

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Around The Bridge Table

WITH A. Y.

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"Do you follow any system?"

"Oh, Culbertson mostly."

"Well, would you like to join a party of us tonight?"

(Later that evening) "What in the (?!*) (@?!!!??!) I thought you said that you played Culbertson!"

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Interest in contract bridge is spreading rapidly among the Nisei. Whist, 500 and poker addicts are turning to contract with a keen relish. It's a great game, one that really tests and trains your powers of observation, induction and deduction, memory, psychology and above all self-control.

For those interested we shall conduct a column on contract bridge starting from the most elementary points to the more difficult phases of bidding and play.

THE HOW AND WHY'S

We hope to cover the requirements of opening bids (based on the count of "honor-tricks" in a hand and the distribution of suits) such as a bid of one in a suit, one no-trump bids, two bids (strength-showing), three or four ("shut-out") bids; responses to opening bids; part-score, jump, game, slam, sacrifice, psychic and cue bids; the "takeout," penalty, and the "business" doubles; the sign-off; and most important of all, the "pass."

In discussing the technique of playing we hope to discuss the finesse, communication plays, end-plays, squeeze, cross-ruff, safety plays, false-carding, unblocking of suits, timing, conventional and strategic leads, etc., etc. In addition, we shall be glad to answer any question a reader may submit.

HOW TO PLAY

For the nonce, we shall begin from the beginning for the benefit of beginners.

Contract bridge is played with a deck of 52 cards (no joker or "kitty") of four suits: Spades, Hearts, Diamonds and Clubs ranking downward in the order named. The cards themselves rank Ace highest, King, Queen down to 2 lowest.

THE DEAL

Two teams or sides of two players each play. To determine partners, the four draw cards with the two highest playing against the two lowest. The person drawing the highest card deals one card at a time from left to right until thirteen cards have been dealt to each player.

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"After The War"

EDITOR'S NOTE—Condensed here is the speech with which Martha Kayahara, matriculation student of Britannia High, followed Norah Fujita, May Yamazaki and Mark Toyama in capturing the Nenichi Trophy in the annual oratorical High School Oratorical Contest sponsored by the University Students' Club.

By Martha Kayahara

At the present time, war is the main topic wherever one goes. There are many worthy functions such as the Red Cross activities, War Chest, and others, taking place for the benefit of war-torn countries. These affairs fully deserve the support and co-operation of the Japanese in Canada. During the war, one in Canada is quite conscious of his race, and, if you have noticed, everyone strives to better a former showing of loyalty and goodwill. This fact is perhaps the reason for the great success of the aforementioned functions, but what will be the attitude of these people when once again peace reigns? How embittered those who have lost husband, father, son or brother will feel towards an alien race after the war.

The duration of this second Great War is unknown. We pray that an everlasting peace will not be far away, for already we have heard of the horrors experienced today in warfare. When peace does come, what will be our relations with other people? Japan has not entered the present war. Perhaps she may feel compelled to. We hope not. If she should, will she join Britain and France, or will she join Hitler and Russia? Whichever she joins what will be the stand of the Second Generation? After the war, will we be saying, "You are a German! I hate you!" or, "You are a Russian! I despise you!"? Will we allow racial hatred to permeate the atmosphere in which we live? Will our emotions be so pent up that we would do that which we are accusing others of doing? What should we do? Could we not try more tact and diplomacy? Let me give you an example.

A woman once visited an insane asylum. As she was going along the hall, she met a uniformed woman who undertook to show the visitor around. Now it so happened that the woman in uniform, while appearing perfectly harmless, was the most violent inmate in the institution, and had somehow managed to secure the keys for the building. All was fine until they had reached the fifth floor. Opening a window the insane woman, with a mad light in her eyes, seized the visitor and said, "Let's jump out of the window!" Now you have heard how strong a mad person can be. There was no use in struggling. What would you have done if you were in this woman's place. Here is how our visitor saved herself. "Oh," she said, "but that's too simple. Anyone can do that. Let's go to the ground floor and try jumping up."

Love is the Key

Throughout life one must always employ tact and diplomacy to get along with others, to win the love of others. Love is the key to an everlasting friendship and peace. A good way to cultivate tact and diplomacy is to take special notice of the conversation in fiction, and to study books on etiquette, and an especially good book, Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People." After the war we shall probably need all the diplomacy we can bring forth, so don't you think we should start practising right now?

However just being diplomatic and full of tact will not get us very far. We should also take a keener interest in the problems of Canada, and our future participation for her welfare should be greater and fuller to keep us on common grounds and in common sympathy with other Canadians.

Importance of Literature

Then there is the matter of literature. All of you at some time or other have read novels or articles in which a very lurid picture is painted of our race. These statements, while they may not actually be the statements of the author, are quite often misleading. A piece of well-written prose carries the reader into the world of imagination, where he will let his fancy wander and will let the author's words play upon his emotions. This fact is dangerous, because one quite often allows his opinions to be formed under the influence of what he reads.

What I am trying to bring to your minds is this. After the war, when once again we are able to think intelligently without hearing so many bloodthirsty news flashes, we will read more extensively, and there will be among us, those of you who will turn to writing. Will your writing be of such nature that will exalt one nation and denounce another, or will it be just and unbiased? I hope it will be the latter, for what good will it do us to spread more poison of racial hatred abroad? You may do it to avenge yourself, but two wrongs will not make a right.

Strive for Tolerance

There are so many, many thousands of books where we might meet these poisonous seeds of suspicion, so we should all strive to remain broad-minded and just despite all we read. I sincerely hope our fellow Canadians will also feel the importance of these things, because so much racial prejudice can be created through literature. For an everlasting peace all racial and class hatred must be eliminated.

When this war comes to an end, we must each one be a messenger of peace. Our key should be "love, tact and diplomacy" and our motto, "Fair Play." When we meet a fellow human being who feels bitter towards us on account of distress caused by war, because we also will have lost dear friends, let us say, "My brother, we have both lost a loved one. Let us appreciate each other's loss. Let us love each other and join hands, thereby strengthening and lengthening the chain for an everlasting peace!"

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YP To Edit The New Canadian

Easter will provide the occasion for a second group of Nisei to express their point of view to the Nisei and to the Canadian public through the medium of The New Canadian.

The March 22 issue of The New Canadian will be written and edited by members of the Powell United Church Young People's Society.

President Eiji Yatabe will be the editor-in-chief. He will be assisted by an editorial staff including Tak Komiyama, editorial page; Dr. E. C. Banno, features; Miss Aki Hyodo and Miss Frances Fukushima, out-of-town news; and "Jimmy" Suzuki, sports.

Kitsilano Koyukai Studies Various Nisei Problems

Indicating a keen desire to come to a thorough understanding of various second generation problems, some fifty youthful members of the junior division of the Kitsilano Koyukai (language school graduates' club) held a very successful discussion meeting at the school, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18. The club, it was learned, will carry on this work with further meetings in the future.

Featured speaker during the afternoon was Kunito T. Shoyama, president of the Vancouver JCCL, who addressed the gathering upon the JCCL movement.

With club president Tommy Shimizu in the chair, discussions were held on three topics: dual citizenship, Japanese language and vocational opportunities.

Discussions

Opinions expressed by the members were almost unanimous in condemning dual citizenship, but it was thought that owing to the influence of the older generation, the time was not yet ripe to take any active steps to solve the problem. Some thought that greater publicity should be given to the question so that the Nisei could learn more about it.

Members, too, were almost unanimous in agreeing that at the present time knowledge of the Japanese language was necessary because of family relations and to secure jobs. Some thought that this need would pass away in the future, but others believed that the language, being a very valuable heritage, should be preserved under any circumstances.

In discussing vocational opportunities, it was felt that prejudice undoubtedly barred many Nisei from good jobs, especially when it was stirred up by politicians. However, some thought that the Nisei should be willing to train harder and show more initiative.

Japanese Aid to U.S. Missionaries Urged

TOKYO.—Proposals that the Japanese Government extend financial aid to American missionaries in China were made last week in the House of Representatives budget committee session.

Foreign Minister Arita promised to give "due consideration and study" to the proposal made by Hajime Hoshi, member of the Reformist faction of the Seiyukai Party, that the Foreign Office should present a bill asking for the appropriation of ten million yen to assist American missionaries in their work in China.

Hoshi said that in building the new order in East Asia, Japan should be willing to assist American missionaries for the welfare of the Chinese people.

Canadian Judo Championships At Stake In Major Spring Tournament

By Dave F. Shiozaki

With eight member chapters participating, keenest competition is expected next Saturday night, Feb. 24, at the Japanese Hall, when the Spring Judo Tournament gets under way at 7:00 p.m. under sponsorship of the Kido-Kan. The most important tournament of the season, individual and team championships for the whole of Canada, will be decided, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to witness this grand tournament.

This year "Yudanshas (Black Belt holders) from eight centres will vie for the Canadian Judo championship, now held by Hatashita, "Nidan," of Vancouver.

The same evening, senior teams in groups of five will fight for the pennant, symbolic of team supremacy in the whole of Canada, and some hundred "Mudanshas" (Non-Black Belt holders) will compete for the Canadian championship in this class, now held by Tadashi Ban, "Ikkyu" of Vancouver.

Member chapters participating include—Vancouver Centre, Kitsilano, Steveston, Maple Ridge, Mission, Woodfibre, Chemainus, and Fairview.

Art of Self-Defence

Judo, the art of self-defense, has played and will continue to play an important part among the Nisei. It is studied principally for both moral and physical training, and has been developed into an art of the highest form.

This tournament is free of charge and the Kido-Kan assures everyone of an evening of thrills. 98 per cent of the contestants are Nisels.

Taiyos Take Two To Lead Capital City Cage League

By Staff Correspondent

VICTORIA. — Winning their last two games last week by comfortable margins, the Taiyos now hold a good lead in the Victoria Japanese Basketball League.

They took the Tuesday game from the Beavers by an overwhelming score of 51-26, with Thomas Kuwabara, their high man, potting 27 points, more than enough to win the game all by himself. George Hasegawa was runner-up with 12; while Terry Uyede and Stum Shimizu led the opposition cashing 12 and 9 respectively.

Thursday night Taiyos continued their triumphant march to League supremacy, taking the JCCL team into camp in a rough, close-checking affair.

On the wrong end of a 23-8 count with 8 minutes remaining, the losers put on a desperate rally to outscore the Taiyos, 10-5, but couldn't overcome the early lead established by the victors, the game ending at 28-18.

Taiyos: Tom Kuwabara (27), M. Kuwabara (6), Muneo Kawasoe (2), Stunmie Okamoto, G. Hasegawa (12), Mitsu Kawasoe, S. Kuwata (4). Total 51.

Beavers: T. Uyede (12), Stum Shimizu (9), G. Uyede (2), H. Ioi (1), K. Kuwabara (2), K. Takahashi, P. Hasegawa. Total 26.

Taiyos: T. Kuwabara (10), M. Kuwabara (6), Muneo Kawasoe (7), G. Hasegawa (3), Mitsuo Kawasoe, Stunmie Okamoto, S. Kuwata. Total 28.

JCCL: J. Shimizu (4), H. Kawasoe (4), G. Kuwata (3), Sam Okamoto, J. Hemmi, E. Kondo 7, Sty Ioi, M. Okamoto. Total 18.

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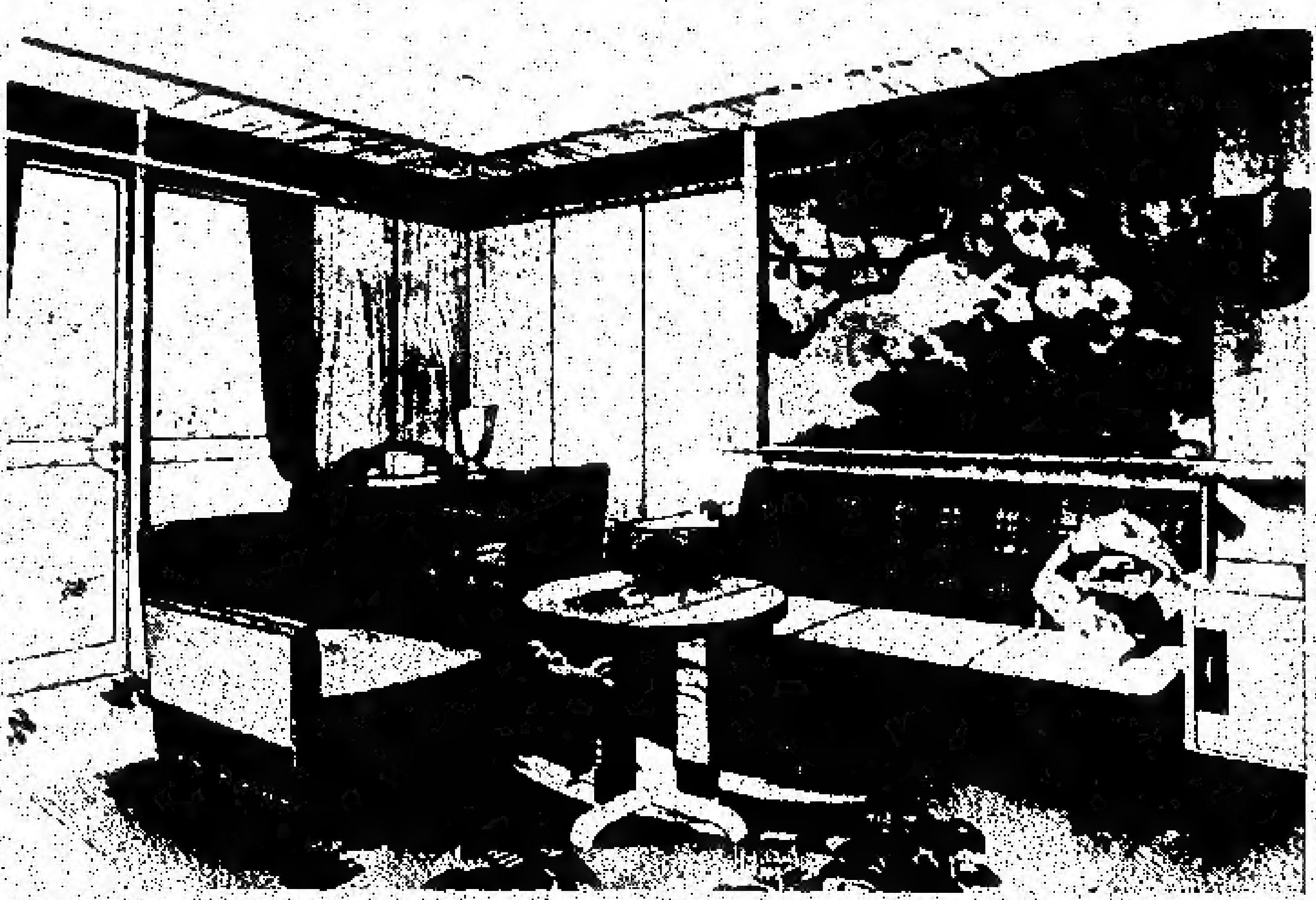
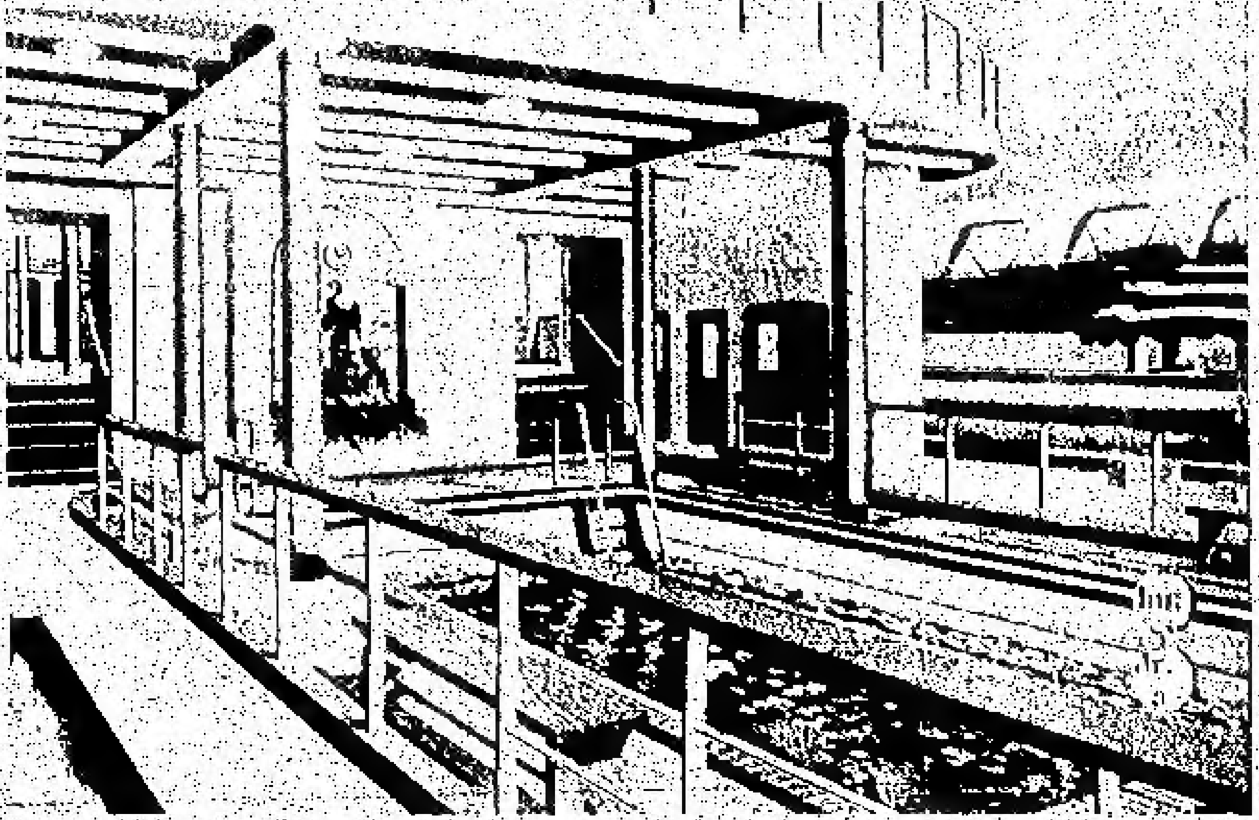


Above the Imperial Suite of the Brazil Maru shows the richness of its appointments and gives a vivid pictorial idea of this great constructive accomplishment—a triumph of Japanese technique in the in the art of ship-building

Now wouldn't you like to take a dip? The swimming pool of the Brazil Maru (below) is all ready for your plunge and inviting in every way. Modern and shining new its placid waters invite you to peel off and plunge in

His Imperial Highness, Prince Chichibu of Japan (above) graciously inspects the Brazil Maru,

Below the first class dining room of the Brazil Maru is shown in all its splendid appointments.

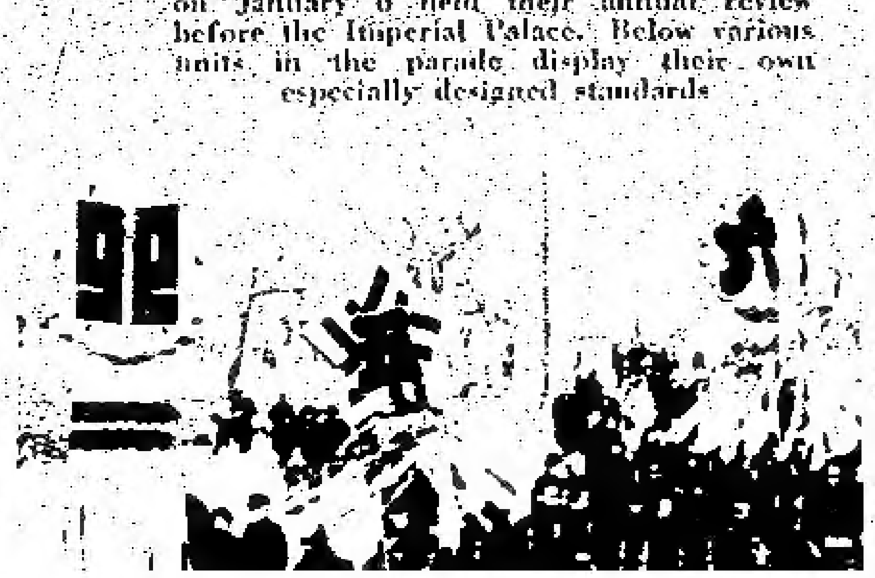


Before the recent sumo wrestling matches in Japan, Onieqawa, (above) is shown performing the Dohyoiri, the sumo ceremony which takes place before the start of the tournament. The exercises were held in the Kokugikan Hall in Tokyo

Students of the Ono School of Writing (above) display their skill in brush work during the annual New Years greetings.

During the recent Meiji-Rikkyo hockey game at the National Skating Tournament of Japan, a tense incident is shown as No. 22 takes a header in the exciting contest. A breath taker—that slide

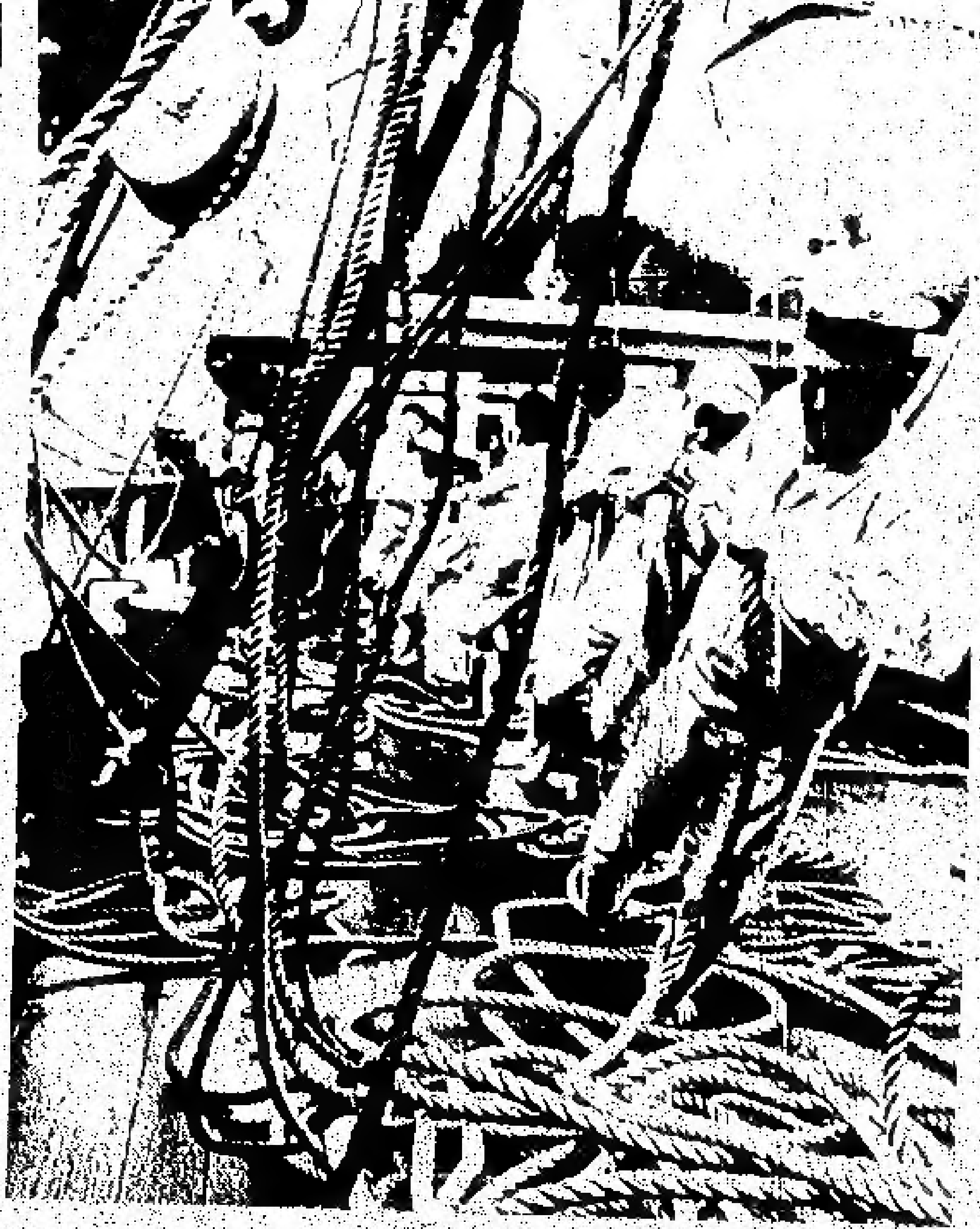
Some 6000 firemch of the Tokyo Brigade on January 6 held their annual review before the Imperial Palace. Below various units in the parade display their own especially designed standards



Are Trained at Sea by Japan

The Taisei Maru, barque of the Tokyo Higher Nautical School, makes training cruises yearly, with students aboard to study the sea. Above the barque is shown in full sail on a cruise to Hawaii

Below students aboard the barque are shown using the sextant, getting their primary training in navigation, so that Japan's future mariners will be able to pilot the Empire's ships through the Seven Seas



Yes, they learn the ropes. The tangle of hemp above the students must learn to unreel and manipulate for the proper handling of the sails. It's tough going, mates, but those hardy enough to stick it out will go places and see the world

Pull sailor! On the big drink the students above are shown in life boats learning the technique of rowing. At the left the Taisei Maru presents one of the sea's most beautiful sights—a ship in full sail

Farewell to the sailors. Proud parents and fond friends and relatives (below) bid the boys goodbye as the Taisei Maru starts toward the beautiful Hawaiian Islands on its Pacific training cruise

Tough going? Students must take their turn at night watch with the wheel and compass. Above one is shown doing his stint while his companions relax elsewhere and rely on him

The smile of the lad in the foreground (left) would indicate that this is fun. Nothing of the ...

Li'l Tokyo Series

M & N, Marpole Win Play-off Byes

Hurrah! The playoffs next week. The final statistics show M & N grabbing the bye, while Maikawa's meets the winners of the Harry-Steveston tussle. In the junior division Marpole finished out on top, with Steveston, Ernie's and Nomads finishing in a row.

Beginning Feb. 28, the series will be played every Wednesday and Saturday and should finish by March 20. Third and fourth place teams will take part in a sudden death game, the winner to meet the second place team in a two-game total points series. The finalists will play a best of three round for the championship.

The referees for the series are Eddie Ide and Tuck Shimizu who are going to call everything they see. A small admission will be charged for all playoff games: 10c for gentlemen and 5c for ladies and children.

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MARPOLE WINS JUNIOR BYE

Powell Drug finished up with a grand finale by winning their second game of the season in a 40-33 victory over Steveston Wednesday. The winners took an early lead and not once were they in any danger. Fred Nishi's 13 points was the top score of the evening, with Druggists' Hoshizake and Shiraishi second with 12 apiece.

In the only important junior tilt of the week, Marpole, by virtue of their 60-24 win over Ernie's captured the first place bye in the junior division. Led by the 19 point scoring punch of Jinx Miike, the Kerrisdale boys took a 16-0 lead in the first quarter which was never contested.

Steveston ran riot over the Celtic team and chalked up a lopsided 52-23 victory, while in the other junior tilt the tall East End Monarchs shattered the Nomads' offensive, which sadly bemoaned the absence of aces Ken Hori and George Yoshinaka, and breezed in easy 24-14 victors.

Final Cage Line-up

SENIORS	W.	L.	%
M. & N.	12	2	.857
Maikawa	10	5	.606
Harry's	7	7	.500
Steveston	3	7	.300
Powell Drug	2	13	.133
JUNIORS			
Marpole	11	1	.916
Steveston	9	2	.818
Ernie's	6	5	.545
Nomads	6	6	.500
East End	5	7	.416
Celtic	3	9	.250
Acme	0	10	.000

Here's The Dope!

Maikawa's Shige Ashikawa again proved to be in a class by himself as the final statistics of the senior circuit chap credited him with an amazing total of 243 points. He outpaced his closest rival, Tuck Shimizu, by over 100 points. Shige's average was 18.7 points per game, playing in 13 league contests.

Koei Mitsui, also of Maikawa was the "bad man" of the loop, receiving 33 personals.

	Pts.	G.	Av.	Pls.
Ashikawa (M)	243	13	18.7	22
Shimizu (PD)	133	14	9.5	26
Asano (H)	119	13	9.2	27
Hirano (MN)	115	13	8.8	30
Suzuki (MN)	114	11	10.4	9
Nakatsu (S)	112	10	11.2	16
Uno (M)	106	15	7.1	24
Suga (H)	84	13	6.5	13
Hoshizaki (PD)	84	13	6.5	27
Shiraishi (PD)	82	14	5.9	16
Nikaido (M)	71	10	7.1	9
Ido (MN)	62	13	4.8	24
Akiyama (H)	59	8	7.4	21
Shimizu (H)	58	11	5.3	12
Nishi (S)	55	7	7.9	9
Kato (H)	53	13	4.0	5
Wakabayashi (MN)	46	13	3.5	29
Mitsui (M)	44	15	2.9	33
Nobuoka (MN)	40	12	3.4	21
Tanaka (MN)	39	13	3.0	19
Matsuba (S)	34	10	3.4	21
Nishi (S)	31	10	3.1	16
Tamemoto (S)	28	5	5.6	6
Onizuka (M)	28	12	2.4	15
Uyede (M)	26	6	4.3	4
Yanagizawa (H)	25	13	1.9	32
Masuda (PD)	24	10	2.4	11
Onishi (H)	21	14	1.5	5
Marano (M)	24	13	1.8	22
Sogawa (S)	23	8	2.9	11
Nakamura (PD)	23	9	2.6	5
Inamoto (MN)	23	7	3.3	12
Hashimoto (M)	21	10	2.1	9
Yamamura (PD)	16	4	4.0	3
Ota (PD)	14	11	1.3	11
Fujioka (MN)	7	7	1.0	3
Y. Ishida (M)	6	2	3.0	4
Mizuhara (PD)	6	4	1.5	5
Yokota (PD)	4	6	.7	1
Sawada (M)	4	10	.4	14
M. Ishida (M)	2	2	1.0	0

Chasing The Shuttlecock:

G V A A Birdmen Show Localites How

Seven members of the Shaughnessy Heights entry in the G.V.A.A. League paid a visit to the Strathcona Gym last Tuesday evening and tangled in a friendly contest with an all-star aggregation of the Japanese Badminton League. When the meet was all over, the records credited the localites with a good showing against the visitors who are right in the running in their G.V.A.A. badminton loop.

LOCALITES' RECORD

The two sides split fairly evenly with the Niseis losing 5 sets to 4 in the mixed, but coming out on top 5-2 in the men's doubles.

The Niseiettes who have not had the chance to play together during the season showed themselves woefully weak in the ladies' doubles, dropping all but one set.

One of the highlights of the evening's play occurred when Wakabayashi and Okumura teamed up in a brilliant display to steamroll to a 15-3 win over Jack Ledingham and Ray Holbrock. Said the losers lately, "And the three points we won were flukes at that!"

All in all, it was a treat to watch the visitors, in particular swinger Dick Harris, return almost every shot the star Nisei birdmen had to offer, smashes, lobs, drop shots and net plays.

An invitation was extended the Japanese League to send up an all-star team to Shaughnessy's for a return match in the near future.

NOTICE

All city players eligible for the "B" section of the coming badminton tourney are urged to sign up before the deadline, Feb. 24. Strong entries have been assured from out-of-town points.

SPORTS Sukiyaki

By Seiji Onizuka

The four champion golf-bugs of the year, Jimmy Suzuki, Doc Banno, Reggie Yasui, and Frank Miyazaki. Boy, you certainly have to hand it to these fellows for their perseverance. Nothing short of a blanket of snow has held this foursome from digging divots every Sunday morning on the wide green expanse of Langara Golf course.

The youngest and latest recruit of this foursome is Frank Miyazaki who hopes to do big things in the coming handicap tournament on Good Friday. Best of luck Frank. It's good to see a young fellow right up there with the old-timers.

I wonder (just a thought) if some patient old-timer wouldn't take a little time off to coach or start a little school for beginners. I know lots of young fellows who are anxious to take up golf, and I'm sure with a little coaching they could develop into top-notchers.

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Here's To the Tanakas

International matches have taken another toll. Table tennis, one of the popular winter pastimes introduced into the local Japanese clubs not so long ago will reach a wider scope of activity when the local tablers invade Seattle this weekend for the first match of its kind.

Led by city leaguers Bing Tanaka and Yoichi Yasui, the party will leave Vancouver Saturday morning. The odd spot of this match will be the feature game between Tanaka and Tanaka. By strange fate or coincidence Seattle's Japanese singles champion is Jack Tanaka and Vancouver's Bing Tanaka.

May the better Tanaka win!

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And here's the official basketball selections for the year. The best way for a sports scribe to duck the brickbats is to find a cover-up man. Here he is, Eddie Ide, ace referee. Step right up, Eddie, and shoot the works!

STRAIGHT FROM THE REFEREE

From all standpoints the basketball season of 1939-40 seems to have enjoyed a banner year. Renewed effort was made during the season to raise this important sport to the high place it should hold in the athletic activities.

This year for the very first time, the officials together with the coaches under careful consideration have selected the "most valuable player," "highest scorer," "cleanest man," and also the man with most personals.

For the **"highest scorer,"** that clever ball handler **Shige Ashikawa** of the Maikawa team stood out like a lighthouse with the grand total of 243 points. Speedy sharpshooter **George Suzuki** of the M & N outfit was selected as **"most valuable"**. Maikawa's **Koei Mitsui** is the man with the most **personals**, 33 to be exact.

In the **Junior section**, Marpole's eagle-eye **"Jinx" Miike** took honors as **"highest scorer"** at a total of 124 points. The hard-fighting **Kiyoshi Koyanagi** of Acme Cannery was chosen as **"most valuable."** **Y. Fujioka** of the Marpole quintet was selected **"cleanest player"**, also it must be mentioned that he scored only one point less than J. Miike. Steveston's **K. Ichino** had the most **personals** — 21.

Seeing that the playoffs commence on Feb. 28th, it wouldn't be a bad idea for those playing to brush up a little on the rules as the referees are going to be quite strict. So all players in the playoffs take heed, and let's make this a clean playoff! This is a friendly warning STRAIGHT FROM THE REF.

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